GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PENALTY ON INDIAN TRAVELLERS WITHOUT VISA
A. KRISHNASWAMY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian passengers on reaching airports of United States of America without visa become a burden to Air India and have to pay a fine of fifty thousand US dollars with the responsibility to send them back to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the text of their Act that is applicable on such passengers;

(c) whether there is any proposal to enact a similar law in India also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION
(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir. In cases, where a passenger surreptitiously travels without visa, the incoming/ transporting carrier

(airline) is fined USD 3000 and the passenger is deported to the originating country by transporting carrier. 4 passengers in 1998-99 and 11 in 1999-2000 were found without visa and Air India had to pay a fine USD 45,000 at the rate of USD 3000 per passenger.

(b), (c) and (d): A proposal is being formulated by the Government to impose monetary penalty of Rs. 1 lakh per passenger on the owners of any carrier which brings any passenger without valid documents into India.